(b) if so, by when the release from last year's balance accrual amount of Rs. 77.01 crore would be made to Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 01.04.2007 there is unutilised fund of Rs. 62.69 crore under Central Road Fund (CRF) of previous years for the State of Rajasthan. Further funds can be released based on the progress of the sanctioned works and utilization certificates received from the State Government.

Clearance of pending projects in Rajasthan

1883. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Qeustion 244 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 2006 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has given a reply that due to slow progress of work the amount to State Government of Rajasthan has not been released;

(b) the reasons for Rajasthan's progress being held slow, while from the year 2004-05 onwards the progress of CRF works has been kept on higher side with respect to the annual accrual amount of particular years; and

(c) by when the Rs. 77.01 crore due to the State Government of Rajasthan is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) In reply to Starred Question No. 244 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th Augsut, 2006 it was stated that funds are released based on the progress of the sanctioned works and utilization certificates received from the State Government. Difference in accrual and release is due to inadequate utilization of Central Road Fund by the State Government.

(c) There was unutilised fund of Rs. 77.01 crore under Central Road Fund (CRF) from 2000-01 to 2003-04. Out of this Rs. 14.32 crore was released to State in 2006-07, which was in addition to the allocation of the State for 2006-07. Thus there is unutilised fund of Rs. 62.69 crore of previous years. Further funds can be released based on the progress of the sanctioned works and utilization certificates received from the State Government.

Model Concession Agreement for ports

1884. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is set to finalize the Model Concession Agreement (MCA) for ports and the move is likely to give a major boost to private investment in port development in the country;